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Segments: L/PD-0006-10

Arthur Spitzer, Esq.  
American Civil Liberties Union of the Nation's Capital  
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Dear Mr. Spitzer:

I refer to our letter dated February 16, 2018, regarding the release of certain Department of State records under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") 5 U.S.C. § 552.

The review of 248 documents responsive to your request has been completed and we have determined that 2 documents may be released in part, and 246 documents must be withheld in full pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5 and 6, 5 U.S.C. §§ (b)(5) and (b)(6). The released material is enclosed.

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. In some cases, two or more exemptions may apply to the same document. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from exempt material has been released.

We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions, please contact DOJ Trial Attorney Ryan Parker at 202-514-4336 or [ryan.parker@usdoj.gov](mailto:ryan.parker@usdoj.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric F. Stein" followed by a stylized flourish.

Eric F. Stein, Director  
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures:  
As stated.

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